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For: COMPOSITE OVER-WRAPPED )  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment of consideration of all of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on February 24, 2004. Enclosed are copies of: (1) the return postcard filed with the IDS; (2) the Transmittal filed with the IDS; (3) the Information Disclosure Statement and (4) PTO Forms 1449 (Sheets 1 and 2).

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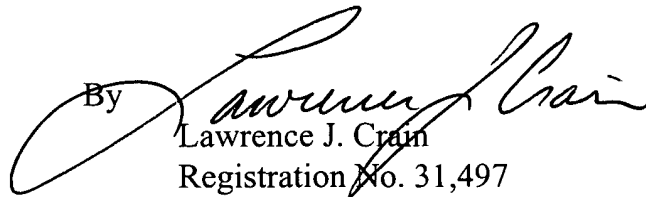
acknowledged receipt of only the first of two pages of the 1449 form filed on February 24, 2004. An IDS was submitted on February 24, 2004 prior to a Notice of Allowance which was mailed on March 11, 2005. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that no fees are required for consideration of the IDS and respectfully requests acknowledgment (in the form of an initialed Form PTO-1449) of consideration of the second sheet of references cited in the IDS.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if any questions regarding this paper should arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

This IDS is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) within either of the following time periods, whichever occurs last:

- (a) within three months of either the filing date of the national application or the date of entry into the national stage; or
- (b) before the mailing date of first office action on the merits (i.e., not including actions such as restriction requirements).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) together with copies of non-U.S. patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

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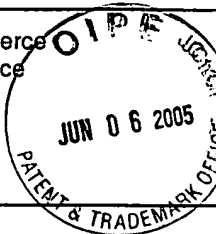
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